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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: PREPARATIONS FOR FIFTH
JC MEETING: US PROPOSAL UNDER ITEM 8 (01.00)

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESS TO
KIRILLIN, COPY TO AYKAZYAN:
2. JUNE 13, 1977

DEAR ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN:

AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM MY LETTER OF MAY 9, 1977, THE US
SIDE HAS UNDERTAKEN A REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE
US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT COOPERATION
UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS HAS BEEN
BENEFICIAL TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND THE AGREEMENT SHOULD
BE RENEWED.

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IN THE PROCESS OF THE REVIEW, THE US SIDE HAS DEVELOPED
CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH NEW
PROJECTS MIGHT BE SELECTED, HOW THEY MATURE AND HOW THEY
MIGHT BE TERMINATED. WE BELIEVE THESE SUGGESTIONS CAN BE
CONSIDERED AND IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT CAUSING ANY
DISRUPTION OF AGREED, ONGOING PROGRAMS.

IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THESE SUGGESTIONS IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT AT THE FIFTH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING THE TWO SIDES AGREE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 7, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE NEW AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THREE ITEMS: 1) REVISION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION; 2) PROCEDURES FOR UNDERTAKING NEW PROJECTS AND CONCLUDING COOPERATION ON EXISTING PROJECTS; AND 3) NEW ACTIVITIES TO BE PURSUED UNDER THE S&T AGREEMENT.

IF YOU CONCUR, THIS PROPOSAL COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING UNDER ITEM 8 OF THE AGENDA "OTHER".

IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO REVIEW THE EXISTING REGULATIONS SINCE CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEY WERE ADOPTED MARCH 21, 1973 AND WE ARE NOW BEGINNING COOPERATION UNDER A NEW AGREEMENT. THE US IS PREPARING SUGGESTIONS ON THE OTHER TWO ITEMS.

SINCERELY,

FRANK PRESS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
ADVISER

ACADEMICIAN V. A. KIRILLIN
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF USSR
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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. WE CONSIDER THAT THE AGENDA FOR FIFTH JC DEVELOPED IN NOVEMBER BETWEEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AND CONTAINED IN BRIEFING BOOK FOR US SIDE MEETING MARCH 30 AND JUNE 1 AND 2 AS ACCEPTABLE AND ASSUME SOVIETS AGREE.

4. IF SOVIET SIDE AGREES, ITEM 8 OF THE AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH JOINT COMMISSION WOULD HAVE TWO SUB-ITEMS, A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION; AND B. NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION.
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